

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 21-29 and 31-33 remain pending in this application. No amendments are made via this response.


Double Patenting Rejection

Claims 21-29 and 31-33 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-16 of U.S. Patent No. 6,131,567. Applicants do not acquiesce to the validity of the rejection. However, in order to expedite prosecution of this application, applicants attached hereto a Terminal Disclaimer. By the filing of this Terminal Disclaimer, the rejection is hereby rendered moot and the application is believed to be in condition for allowance.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any underpayment of fees associated with this communication, including any necessary fees for extensions of time, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0815, order number AERX-055CON6.

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